



## Major Capital School Construction

RSU 64/SAD 64 received Concept Approval from the State Board of Education for a district wide elementary school on November 13th. The 28 million dollar budget passed in a district wide referendum on December 17th. The elementary school is designed for 581 students in grades PreK through 5.

## Federal Tax Credit Bonds

The Department is accepting Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) applications until February 14, 2014. The Department currently has \$2,924,000 of QZAB issuing authority to distribute to qualifying schools units. The QZAB application and additional information are available at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/federal/index.html>.

## School Facility Management System (SFMS)

All School Facility Management System (SFMS) 2013 building surveys must be completed by March 31, 2014. Please note that on-going participation in SFMS is a prerequisite for funding approval by the Department for all school facilities programs.

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## Facilities Inventory

The launch date for the automated School Facilities Inventory is now scheduled for spring of 2014. Thank you for your patience as the design continues.

## Safety

Emergency Preparedness – Thank you to all who participated in L.D. 905, a Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Examine School Security. A report on school security will be presented to the Legislature in the upcoming weeks.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – Regional training is now scheduled for IPM. We encourage your participation. Here is the website link:  
[http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated\\_pest\\_management/school/index.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated_pest_management/school/index.shtml).